

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. In a computerized system, a method to analyze a proposed venture transaction between at least two entities to predict information technology capabilities of an entity formed according to the proposed venture transaction, the method comprising:

collecting data regarding the information technology capabilities of the entities;

accessing a computerized system to review one or more of a number of electronically accessible documents maintained on the computerized system;

analyzing the collected data to determine which of the information technology capabilities of each entity are to comprise the information technology capabilities of the entity formed according to the proposed venture transaction, wherein one of the electronically accessible documents provides instructions to facilitate analyzing the collected data; and

recommending whether to proceed with the proposed venture transaction based upon the information technology capabilities of the entity formed according to the proposed venture transaction.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising recommending an implementation plan for use in transferring the information technology capabilities of each entity which are to comprise the information technology capabilities of the entity formed according to the proposed venture transaction, wherein the implementation plan is recommended in accordance with analysis instructions provided in an implementation plan document electronically maintained in the computerized system and only after recommending to proceed with the proposed venture transaction.

3. The method of claim 2 further comprising
recommending execution of an venture transaction agreement
prior to recommending the implementation plan, wherein the
5 venture transaction agreement is relied upon by the entities
to conduct the proposed venture transaction and determined
in accordance with analysis instructions provided in a
negotiate binding agreements document electronically
maintained in the computerized system.

10 4. The method of claim 3 further comprising
recommending adequate transition capabilities and security
are in-place prior to recommending execution of the venture
transaction agreement, wherein the transition capabilities
and security are recommended to be in-place in accordance
15 with analysis instructions provided in an establish
transition capabilities and security document electronically
maintained in the computerized system.

20 5. The method of claim 4 further comprising
recommending transition costs and risks are containable
prior to recommending adequate transition capabilities and
security are in-place, wherein the transition costs and
risks are recommended to be containable in accordance with
analysis instructions provided in a complete preparation
document electronically maintained in the computerized
25 system.

30 6. The method of claim 5 further comprising
recommending an analysis team as being formed and funded
prior to recommending transition cost and risks are
containable, wherein the analysis team is recommended to be
formed and funded in accordance with analysis instructions
provided in a pre-preparation document electronically
maintained in the computerized system.

7. The method of claim 6 further comprising
recommending to transfer knowledge to the computerized
system, wherein the transferred knowledge comprises
additional documentation having analysis instructions for
5 use in adding to the analysis instructions maintained by the
computerized system.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein the analysis
instructions provided by the pre-preparation document relate
10 to instructions to facilitate analyzing pre-agreement
actions, a deal and corporate vision, a venture team
transition plan, and a governance structure.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein the analysis
instructions provided by the complete preparation document
15 relate to instructions to facilitate analyzing an
information technology vision, a transition strategy, and a
high level cost roadmap.

20 10. The method of claim 9 wherein the analysis
instructions provided by the negotiate binding agreements
document relate to instructions to facilitate analyzing an
information technology capabilities agreement.

25 11. The method of claim 10 wherein the analysis
instructions provided by the implementation document relate to
instructions to facilitate analyzing day-one launch
requirements and work plan, day-one solutions, and closure
of a venture team project.

30 12. A computer system to analyze a proposed
venture transaction between at least two entities to predict
information technology capabilities of an entity formed

according to the proposed venture transaction, the computer system comprising:

a user computer to facilitate collecting data regarding the information technology capabilities of the entities and reviewing one or more of a number of electronically accessible documents maintained on the computerized system;

wherein one of the electronically accessible documents provides instructions to facilitate analyzing the collected data to determine which of the information technology capabilities of each entity are to comprise the information technology capabilities of the entity formed according to the proposed venture transaction; and

wherein one of the electronically accessible documents provides instructions to facilitate recommending whether to proceed with the proposed venture transaction based upon the information technology capabilities of the entity formed according the proposed venture transaction.

13. The computer system of claim 12 wherein one of the electronically accessible documents provides instructions to facilitate recommending an implementation plan for use in transferring the information technology capabilities of each entity which are to comprise the information technology capabilities of the entity formed according to the proposed venture transaction, wherein the implementation plan is recommended in accordance with analysis instructions provided in an implementation plan document electronically maintained in the computerized system and only after recommending to proceed with the proposed venture transaction.

14. The computer system of claim 13 wherein one
of the electronically accessible documents provides
instructions to facilitate recommending execution of an
venture transaction agreement prior to recommending the
5 implementation plan, wherein the venture transaction
agreement is relied upon by the entities to conduct the
proposed venture transaction and determined in accordance
with analysis instructions provided in a negotiate binding
agreements document electronically maintained in the
10 computerized system.

15. The computer system of claim 14 wherein one
of the electronically accessible documents provides
instructions to facilitate recommending adequate transition
15 capabilities and security are in-place prior to recommending
execution of the venture transaction agreement, wherein the
transition capabilities and security are recommended to be
in-place in accordance with analysis instructions provided
in an establish transition capabilities and security
20 document electronically maintained in the computerized
system.

16. The computer system of claim 15 wherein one
of the electronically accessible documents provides
instructions to facilitate recommending transition costs and
25 risks are containable prior to recommending adequate
transition capabilities and security are in-place, wherein
the transition costs and risks are recommended to be
containable in accordance with analysis instructions
30 provided in a complete preparation document electronically
maintained in the computerized system.

17. The computer system of claim 16 wherein one of the electronically accessible documents provides instructions to facilitate recommending an analysis team as being formed and funded prior to recommending transition cost and risks are containable, wherein the analysis team is recommended to be formed and funded in accordance with analysis instructions provided in a pre-preparation document electronically maintained in the computerized system.

10 18. The computer system of claim 16 wherein one of the electronically accessible documents provides instructions to facilitate recommending to transfer knowledge to the computerized system, wherein the transferred knowledge comprises additional documentation having analysis instructions for use in adding to the analysis instructions maintained by the computerized system.

15 19. The computer system of claim 18 wherein the analysis instructions provided by the pre-preparation document relate to instructions to facilitate analyzing pre-agreement actions, a deal and corporate vision, a venture team transition plan, and a governance structure.

20 20. In a computerized system, a method to analyze a proposed venture transaction between at least two entities to predict information technology capabilities of an entity formed according to the proposed venture transaction, the method comprising:

25 collecting data regarding the information technology capabilities of the entities;

30 accessing a computerized system to review one or more of a number of electronically accessible documents maintained on the computerized system;

analyzing the collected data to determine which of the information technology capabilities of each entity are to comprise the information technology capabilities of the entity formed according to the proposed venture transaction,
5 wherein one of the electronically accessible documents provides instructions to facilitate analyzing the collected data;

recommending whether to proceed with the proposed venture transaction based upon the information technology capabilities of the entity formed according the proposed venture transaction;
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recommending an implementation plan for use in transferring the information technology capabilities of each entity which are to comprise the information technology capabilities of the entity formed according to the proposed venture transaction, wherein the implementation plan is recommended in accordance with analysis instructions provided in an implementation plan document electronically maintained in the computerized system and only after
15 recommending to proceed with the proposed venture transaction;
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recommending execution of an venture transaction agreement prior to recommending the implementation plan, wherein the venture transaction agreement is relied upon by the entities to conduct the proposed venture transaction and determined in accordance with analysis instructions provided in a negotiate binding agreements document electronically maintained in the computerized system;
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recommending adequate transition capabilities and security are in-place prior to recommending execution of the venture transaction agreement, wherein the transition capabilities and security are recommended to be in-place in accordance with analysis instructions provided in an
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establish transition capabilities and security document electronically maintained in the computerized system;

5 recommending transition costs and risks are containable prior to recommending adequate transition capabilities and security are in-place, wherein the transition costs and risks are recommended to be containable in accordance with analysis instructions provided in a complete preparation document electronically maintained in the computerized system;

10 recommending an analysis team as being formed and funded prior to recommending transition cost and risks are containable, wherein the analysis team is recommended to be formed and funded in accordance with analysis instructions provided in a pre-preparation document electronically maintained in the computerized system; and

15 recommending to transfer knowledge to the computerized system, wherein the transferred knowledge comprises additional documentation having analysis instructions for use in adding to the analysis instructions maintained by the computerized system.